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But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2: 14

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THIS WEEK'S COVER—

Overlooking the River Thames are the Houses of Parliament, pictured on this week's cover. Containing the House of Lords and the House of Commons, they represent the nation's government. Under its direction authorities are carrying out a vigorous campaign to build up physical fitness among the people and improve the nation's health. It provides a standard for food and clothing, exercise and rest, and stresses sufficient housing facilities. Latter-day Saints offer their Word of Wisdom, revealed to Joseph Smith in 1833 and contained in the 89th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants, as the perfect code of health. It prescribes a well-balanced diet and forbids the use of alcohol, tobacco, tea and coffee. (See editorial, page 88)

What Jesus Means to Latter-day Saints

By PRESIDENT RICHARD R. LYMAN

Of the European Mission and Member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

I STAND before you to speak tonight without knowing how many who are listening to my words believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. My contacts with those who do not belong to or have not been reared in Christian communities have been limited.

I am wondering if those of you who belong to no Christian denomination agree with the views of Dr. Adolph Finck, Jewish Rabbi, of Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., who at the close of one of his addresses in the summer session of the University of Utah in 1935 was asked this question, "If all the people in all the world were to live in accordance with the teachings and ideals and example of Jesus of Nazareth, would not that solve all the problems of mankind?"

The Rabbi at once replied, "I verily believe it would. But," continued he, and he pointed with an intense gesture toward the audience in front of him, "you have been at it now for nearly 2,000 years and you haven't even begun to live in accordance with His teachings and His ideals."

Sir Evelyn Wrench, of London, said recently in New York that the outstanding need of the world today is "to get back to Christ."

He expressed himself with great sincerity and effectiveness when he said, "I wish with all my heart that when I was young I had devoted myself to this cause, and to this cause only. It is the only thing that can save humanity. Let us, all of us, resolve



President Lyman

that if there be dictatorships in the world, the only dictatorship which we will recognize is the dictatorship of Christ."

We have met here tonight to join with the Eastern Churches in observing the "Christmas Eve," which they celebrate on the 6th day of January as the time when the wise men from the East came and paid homage to the new-born King.

The story of His birth and of the wise men from the East will probably never grow old. Mankind will never tire, I think, of hearing it as it is recorded in the classic words of Holy Writ.

To humble shepherds came the glad news first that the Saviour of the world had been born. The words of the Angel, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy," (Luke 2: 10) will no doubt always stir the hearts of men as will also those other words of a multitude of the Heavenly Host as these, with the Angels, sang together, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!" (Luke 2: 14)

In His life and in His labours many Christians believe and agree that Jesus reached perfection; that His is a character human ingenuity could not invent; that He enjoyed a power

and perfection no other person has ever known; that the literature He produced has not been nor can it ever be equalled. His has been called the most beautiful language that has ever fallen on the ear of man; His the clearest and most perfect intellect ever known.

George R. Wendling says that no statesman, no philosopher, no religious leader, no one in all the annals of history except this man of Galilee touches life at all points. He touches it in morality, in art, in literature, in philosophy, in politics, and in commerce, as well as in religion. At weddings, at feasts and at funerals He is a welcome guest. Strong men lean on Him, weak men cling to Him. Men of wealth, power and position find him congenial; the prisoner, the poverty-stricken, the weary and the heavy-laden lay their burdens at His feet. To the philosopher He is a guide; to the way-faring man He is a support. To the painter seeking immortality for his canvas

He gives a theme, and His own history throws an everlasting halo around the workshop. Poetry, art and literature rise to their highest achievements in His name, in His name music gives to the very utmost of its uplifting power, and in that same wonderful name architecture rears its loftiest, its mightiest structures. "Millions have assailed Him, millions are indifferent to Him, still He will not down. Shut the door in His face, yet He stands there and gently knocks." To Christians there is for Him but one explanation — He is divine!

An Address

THIS ADDRESS was delivered by President Lyman at Whitefield's Institute in London on Thursday, January 6th, under the sponsorship of the World Fellowship of Faiths. It was an occasion celebrating Christmas and New Year's Day, according to the custom of Eastern churches, which believe the wise men came from the East on that day. In proclaiming "What Jesus means to a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," this article brings out the fact that world peace can only be maintained when individuals and nations live true Christian lives.

Again Wendling says that, the most wonderful work in

all the world is not to take iron and steel and brass and with these make a locomotive; nor is it to take gold and diamonds and cog-wheels and with these make a watch; nor is it to take canvas and colours and brush and paint an Angelus; nor yet is it to take pen and parchment and write an Illaid or a Hamlet. No! An infinitely greater work than any or all of these combined is to take an ignoble, cruel, impure, dishonest human being and transform him into an upright, gentle, noble, pure, peace-loving man. Here we touch the most marvellous power of the Galilean, and bow before the mystery.

Since this man of Galilee has reached such a high degree of exaltation in His life and labours that His followers call it perfect, we need not wonder that human beings, clothed in mortality, have not, in their lives and in their works, reached up to or equalled or even approached His achievements.

The Rabbi may have been correct. While one of the Articles of Faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is,

"We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous and in doing good to all men," there are some individuals in every Church and community and nation who have little regard for honour and honesty. Some say that there are actually *nations* lacking in this old-fashioned sterling Christian quality of honour and honesty. A leading English authority has recently said, "When Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Briand made that great document and offered it for signature, I think they thought that the people who signed it—those sixty-odd nations—were doing so in good faith: alas! We have only recently learned that they were doing this with their tongues in their cheeks."

I leave it to you tonight to decide whether the Jewish Rabbi was right or not. The hearts of the thinking people of the world, the souls of those who have a high regard for honour,



"My Peace I Give Unto You"

From the Painting by Hofmann

cannot be otherwise than filled with pain if they must come to realize that the words of nations, the promises of whole countries, the treaties solemnly entered into, are regarded by some as merely "scraps of paper."

But the sky in these days is not all darkness. There is a friendship between many peoples in many nations like that spoken of by the late Robert W. Bingham, American Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, who, in his zeal and earnestness for the progress of peace and Christian ideals, said, in an address delivered in London, "The real hope of peace lies in a genuine continuous understanding and co-operation between the British people and the people of the United States. That is my creed," he said, "I have lived for it and please God I will be willing, if necessary, to die for it."

Careful observers must agree that in these very days there is some progress toward world peace. For this progress let us be thankful tonight. Incidents such as the sinking of the United States gunboat, *Panay*, by Japanese aircraft, "are among the immediate causes of war." But this incident in these days aroused no demand in Congress or in the press and there was no general outcry for the American Navy to steam across the Pacific and begin a war with Japan. The incident produced precisely the opposite effect. While the State Department was engaged in sending the sharpest notes since the World War, reaction generally was alarm, not that Japan would go unpunished, but that the offence might involve the United States in a war. For this condition, I say again, let us be grateful.

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Christianity and the Religion of Christ

By ELDER MATTHEW COWLEY

President of the New Zealand Mission.

IT has always been my belief that no one's religion is worth much if he cannot give a good reason for his membership in his Church, or for the hope he has within him as to the efficacy of his obedience to the principles and rites which his church teaches. As we go back over the history of Christianity we find that Christianity has survived for nineteen centuries, including the dark ages; but what of the religion of Jesus Christ? It was taken, as a matter of fact, until the invention of the printing press, that the Christian Church was the Church of Jesus Christ in its original purity and truthfulness. But with the invention of the printing press the Bible became accessible to the laity, and then it was discovered that even

though Christianity had survived the centuries from Christ to that great event, the religion of Jesus Christ had been changed, had been modified, that the organization was not as Christ had organized it, that the religious tenets were not as Christ had taught them.

And so, following this great event—the invention of the printing press—men who read the Bible began to think for themselves, and some there were who were bold enough to express those thoughts, who were bold enough to enlighten those who would listen, to point out the changes that had been made, to discuss the

fact that even though Christianity had survived, the religion of Christ had not. And some of these men were sincere enough even to give their lives for the testimonies which came to them from a personal reading of the Bible that the religion of Christ was not upon the earth as He had taught it.

Then came the great churches of the reformers and each church had its own doctrine, each church proselyted for its own membership, each claimed to have the word and the power of God. The thing the reformers did not realize was that the Church of Jesus Christ was not born from the Bible, but that the Bible or the New Testament was born from the Church of Jesus Christ. And so when they established their great churches upon their intelligent reading of the New Testament, their authority did not go beyond that book, which does not give authority, and the result was disagreement, and confusion in the Christian world. These churches grew in power, on down through the centuries until there appeared

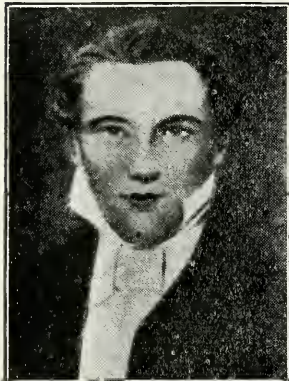
New Mission Head

ELDER COWLEY was recently appointed President of the New Zealand Mission to succeed President M. Charles Wood. A native of Preston, Idaho, he is a son of Elder Matthias F. Cowley and the late Abbie H. Cowley. He served as a traveling missionary in New Zealand from 1914 to 1919, where he was instrumental in translating the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price into the Maori language. During past years he has been a prominent attorney in Salt Lake City, where he has been actively engaged in Church work.

that small group who claimed the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

With that urge for freedom of worship these Puritans sought a place in which they could do that which they desired. The place where they finally established themselves was a new continent, a new world. They brought to that new world a fundamental concept of all true religion, the desire to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience.

Eventually many churches of the old world also found their establishment upon this continent, until the same confusion, the same intolerance existed in the new country that existed in the old world. Then came a spiritual event, the greatest in all the history except the birth and life of Christ Himself upon this earth. A young boy had an idea. Great events come by and through people having ideas, and this boy had an idea that religious conflict was never born of the Church of Jesus Christ. He knew that something was wrong somewhere; he knew that one might be right and that therefore all the others must be wrong, or else they must all be wrong. And so in the sincerity of his youth and with his undaunted faith he went to the only source from which anyone can obtain wisdom pertaining to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; he went to God Himself.



Joseph Smith

*He prayed and his prayer
was answered.*

He prayed, and his prayer was answered. This boy in the sacred grove saw God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. What was the result? It was blasphemous for this boy to claim that God had appeared to him; that Jesus Christ had appeared to him. That was blasphemy even in the eyes of his own friends. Christianity had survived, but Jesus Christ certainly had not survived.

In the days of this boy Prophet, what was the answer to that question of the Saviour: "What think ye of Christ, whose son is he?" The answer was not that He had the likeness of a man; the answer was not that He had the same appearance that He had when He walked and talked with the men of Jerusalem and His disciples in the days of the early Church. The answer to that question in the days of Joseph Smith was that He had neither body, parts, nor passions, although the Christ Himself had said to the disciples who beheld Him in the form of a man ascending into Heaven, "I will return even as ye see me go."

And so there was restored again the knowledge of the being of God and the being of Jesus Christ, His Son. This was the beginning of a great dispensation, the greatest of all times, not only from a religious standpoint, but from the standpoint of the progress of civilization. What has happened in the past century and a half to the human family? Steam engines have been invented. The steel propeller has succeeded the sail.

Electricity has been harnessed. Automobiles have been invented—wireless telegraphy, the telephone, the radio, the aeroplane, the submarine and all such wonders, until it has been said by someone that every man and woman in this country has 37 mechanical slaves to give them more leisure and luxury.

Now we have existed as a Church for more than a hundred years. Christianity has survived all of these ages and scientific discoveries: the age of iron, the printing press, the steamship, the steam engine, the telephone, the automobile, the aeroplane, the submarine, the radio and television. Christianity has survived all of these, but what of the religion of Jesus Christ? Do you know of any religious ideas that have been altered or changed in the churches of the world through the period of these great inventions? I dare say that in most churches the rituals have been changed; ideas have been changed. I think many of you in your own time recall when the pulpit denounced the theatre; when the pulpit denounced dancing; when the pulpit denounced recreation in many forms; but I dare say that in all of the churches of today you will not find one minister who denounces those things which his own church denounced a generation ago. The Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been revealed to the Latter-day Saints has not changed one iota, not in one detail. This Gospel has survived every invention of man since it was restored upon the earth through Joseph Smith; and what thinking man today will now say that it was blasphemy for Joseph Smith to claim that he saw God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

The day after Christmas, a Sabbath Day, I turned the dial of a radio on a short wave and I heard the Archbishop of Canterbury speaking from London—I heard his Christmas sermon. I have never seen him. I do not even know what he looks like. But I want to say to you now that I believe that it is greater blasphemy before God to say that I did not hear the voice of the Archbishop of Canterbury thousands of miles away than it is to say that Joseph Smith did see God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. To say that man has the power to open the heavens and control their elements, to bring them under his command and speak from one continent to another through the power that he himself does not under-

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Spring Conference Schedule

THE following dates have been announced for holding the Spring Conferences throughout the Mission. Times and places of meetings will appear in subsequent issues of the *Star*.

Irish - - -	Feb. 20th	Hull - - -	Apr. 10th
Birmingham	Feb. 27th	Sheffield - -	Apr. 17th
Norwich - -	Mar. 6th	Liverpool -	Apr. 24th
Welsh - -	Mar. 13th	Newcastle - -	May 8th
Nottingham	Mar. 20th	Scottish - -	May 15th
Leeds - -	Mar. 27th	Bristol - - -	May 22nd
Manchester -	Apr. 3rd	London - - -	May 29th

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1938

EDITORIAL

THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

The *Millennial Star* extends congratulations to the health officials of the country on the thoroughness and effectiveness of the national health campaign, whose purpose is to put the people into first class physical condition.

So vital and important is this campaign that the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, has lent to it the weight of his great power. In his brief but pointed message he emphasizes the importance of the family unit in an undertaking as grave and important as the improving of the health of the nation.

It has been demonstrated that a well balanced diet with plenty of water is essential in the production of robust healthy bodies. An abundance of milk, vegetables and fruit is important. The campaign appeals to the people to drink more milk. This is nature's well balanced and easily digested food. It makes people more fit mentally and physically. Almost invariably children who are given an ample supply of it have fine, strong physical qualities. A pint a day is prescribed for everybody. Milk is no less essential than sunlight, air and exercise. Wisely has the health department made it possible for all children to secure an ample supply. Over two million children now buy it at school. How unfortunate that the apathy of some parents in this particular is a "stumbling-block."

In the world-famous Mayo Clinic, the "Foundation Diet" for one person for one day is: 1 egg, 1 pint of milk, 1 helping of meat, 4 helpings of fruit, 4 helpings of vegetables, 3 slices of bread, 1 helping of potatoes and 1 helping of cereal. A helping of fruit or vegetables is two tablespoonfuls; a helping of meat is about three ounces, equivalent in size to two small sausages. It is said there are five fat-making foods, namely: butter, cream, sugar, bread and potatoes. If people are too heavy they should lighten up on these and if too thin they should eat more. At least six glasses of water or other liquid food should be taken daily.

Perhaps next in importance to food is a full set of well articulated teeth which can mix and grind the food. The loss of a single tooth is serious, for then the others lose their alignment, proper articulation is destroyed and the teeth only make holes in the food instead of masticating it.

Disease germs get into the system in only three ways. Through the mouth, through the nose, or through a wound in the skin. Since many germs are put into the mouths by handling food with unclean hands, all children should be

taught and all grown-ups should follow the important rule, "Wash before you eat." Among the conditions which help to overcome the action of disease germs are, dry feet, fresh air, sunlight and plenty of sleep. It has been said that an hour of sleep before midnight is worth two hours after midnight. The importance of getting to bed early, especially for children, is emphasized in this campaign. An abundance of exercise, in clean, fresh air and sunshine, and with well ventilated clothing, is recommended. More playing fields are being provided. A regular physical examination once each year and an examination of the teeth every six months is recommended.

In this campaign apparently nothing is said about the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages. The importance of sobriety has been brought forcefully to the attention of Latter-day Saints of London recently by a serious automobile accident which put four active Church workers and missionaries in a hospital for approximately a month. This accident, it is said, was due to the drinking of the people in the other car. In defence of their condition, someone explained that, "Everybody drinks on Christmas!"

Latter-day Saints are taught not to use intoxicating liquor in any form at any time. Alcohol is not a food nor is it a stimulant, as was originally thought. Alcohol is a narcotic. It acts like an anaesthetic. Its influence upon the mind is much like that of ether or chloroform. It paralyzes the higher brain centres and leaves the lower ones to run riot. He who drinks is like the ship without a rudder. A single glass of beer lowers the ability to concentrate upon a subject. He who takes the slightest quantity diminishes his mental alertness. Alcohol is not only harmful to the individual, but in these modern times, in this mechanical age, it is dangerous to society. Brains with all possible clearness are needed. The brain not only weakens under the repeated use of alcohol, but it deteriorates and frequently becomes diseased.

Observance of the rules of health set forth in the Word of Wisdom (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 89) has produced a high standard of health among the Latter-day Saint people. Charles Morrow Wilson, in the *Saturday Evening Post*, (September 4th, 1937) says: "There is the statistical truth that the Mormon population now has the lowest death rate of any group in the United States, one of the highest birth rates among all Caucasian peoples, a life span longer than the average." Dr. Irving Fisher, of Yale University, found the death rate among Mormons 70 per cent. lower than that for non-Mormons living in the state of Utah. As published in the *Star*, February 3rd, page 69, he credits this fact to their abstinence from "alcoholics, tea, coffee and tobacco," as well as to their wise use of foods.

This national campaign includes proper housing, proper feeding, proper rest, proper clothing, and proper exercise. To Latter-day Saints a health campaign is not perfect unless it urges refraining not only from the use of liquor, but also from the use of tea, coffee and tobacco. Latter-day Saints endeavour to get along without these things which God Himself has said, "are not good for man." (Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 89)

—RICHARD R. LYMAN

Fruits of "Mormonism"

By Elder Charles W. Penrose

"**Y**E shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" So said the Saviour of mankind. (Matthew 7: 16) The Latter-day Saints, or Mormons, as they are commonly called, have been derided and persecuted, and all manner of evil has been spoken against them, even by people who call themselves Christians. That in this, false witness has been borne against them, may be definitely proved if the criterion given by Christ is accepted.

In the year 1847 a company of Pioneers, led by the prophet Brigham Young, successor of the Martyr Joseph Smith, who was slain for the Gospel's sake, marched from the Missouri River across prairies and mountains, and wastes and rivers, through the wilderness known as the Great American Desert,



Charles W. Penrose.

to the place in the mountains where they had been directed by Joseph Smith when living with them in Nauvoo. On July 24th of that year they halted in the valley of the Great Salt Lake, beheld by Brigham Young in vision before they commenced their weary journey. Not a human habitation was to be seen. The sun-baked land brought forth sage brush and weeds. Rain was almost unknown and the melting snows from the mountain tops came down but in narrow and scanty streams. But they ploughed the parched ground and turned upon it the trickling waters; they sowed in faith and trusted in God for the harvest which alone could save them from starvation. The little band was composed of but 148 per-

sons who had left civilization more than a thousand miles behind. Today over five hundred thousand people, gathered from all parts of the world, dwell in peace and harmony in flourishing cities and towns or upon fruitful farms and luxurious ranches, reaping the results of thrift and industry and the blessings of God upon the land and upon their labours. In the cities are fine residences, comfortable cottages, business establishments, manufacturing enterprises, railroads, telegraphs and telephones, broad streets lined with magnificent trees and with clear streamlets on either side, lighted by electricity and supplied with pure water from works owned by the people. Grand school houses have been erected, spacious places of worship, noble public buildings and splendid Temples have also been constructed. All kinds of grains and fruits and flowers are produced in abundance; the rain falls have wonderfully increased, springs have burst forth in dry spots, grass grows on the hillsides, and in the meadows, cattle and sheep graze on

a thousand hills and the face of nature smiles and shines with beauty.

This marvellous transformation has been brought about by the blessings of Almighty God upon the faith and works of His people gathered from afar. Zion, that brought good tidings—the everlasting Gospel restored to earth—has gone up “into the high mountain.” The Spirit has been poured out from on high, and the wilderness has become a “fruitful field.” “The people of the Lord dwell in peaceable habitation, in sure dwellings, in quiet resting places.” They are sowing “beside all waters.” “The wilderness and the solitary place is glad for them, the desert rejoices and blossoms abundantly.” (See Isaiah 11: 9; 32: 15-20; 25: 1-10)

Every Sabbath day the children assemble in Sunday Schools under a system which is not excelled in any part of the world. In the afternoon and evening the Saints assemble in their tabernacles and meeting houses, and receive instruction by the voice of inspiration and the reading of holy writ. Societies are organized for the instruction of juveniles, of young men and young women, of ladies of mature age and for all classes of the community. To serve God and keep His commandments is held up as the first duty of His people. To labour for the salvation of the living and the redemption of the dead is placed above all earthly considerations. The Church has now in the mission fields eighteen hundred or more missionaries, traveling without pay, depending upon family and friends for their daily sustenance. The Church organization revealed from heaven is recognized by all who investigate as one of the grandest and most complete ever known on earth. The industry, order, devotion, unity and brotherly love displayed by the Latter-day Saints are the admiration and commendation of both friend and foe. The work they have performed under divine direction is a marvel to all who have visited the cities of the Saints or know of their achievement. What is the tree that has brought forth those excellent fruits? It is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Let the tree be judged by its fruits.

It is true that the Mormons are a people who have been “everywhere spoken against,” but this was also a characteristic of the Saints in the original Christian Church. Paul said: “They that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” Jesus exclaimed: “Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you.” He prophesied of His disciples: “Ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake.” But there are a number of brave men who, after visiting Utah, have not been afraid to speak their honest sentiments concerning that despised people. Among them are the following, whose published remarks are but samples of others that might be adduced:

Bishop D. S. Tuttle, of the Episcopal Church, who resided many years in Salt Lake City, had the following in the *New York Sun*: “I know them to be honest, faithful, prayerful workers, and earnest in their faith that heaven will bless the Church of Latter-day Saints. Another strong and admirable feature in the Mormon religion is the tenacious and efficient organization. They follow with the greatest care all the forms

of the old Church."

Governor Safford, of Arizona, wrote as follows: "They have no drones, and the work they have accomplished in so short a time is truly wonderful. All concede that we need an energetic, industrious, economical and self-relying people to subdue and bring into use the vast unproductive lands of Arizona. These Mormons fill every one of the above requirements."

The late Hon. Bayard Taylor, United States Minister to Germany, remarked: "We must admit that Salt Lake City is one of the most quiet, orderly and moral places in the world. The Mormons as a people are the most temperate of Americans. They are chaste, laborious and generally cheerful, and what they have accomplished in so short a time under every circumstance of discouragement, will always form one of the most remarkable chapters in our history."

There yet remains in the world great ignorance concerning the Latter-day Saints, their purposes and works, their doctrines and teachings, and the spirit and power of their faith. To these they invite the investigation of every rational mind. They are sending forth the Gospel into all the world as a witness to the nations before the end shall come.

This is a day of warning. It will be followed by a time of judgments. The Lord is about to shake terribly the kingdoms of this world. War, pestilence, famine, earthquake, whirlwind, and the devouring fire, with signs in the heavens and on the earth, will immediately precede the great consummation which is close at hand. These are the last days. "The meek shall inherit the earth and the wicked be cut off forever." Therefore repent and turn unto Him, all ye nations and obey Him all ye people, for these words are true and faithful and are given by His Spirit! The time is at hand!

Missionaries Hold Conventions

METHODS for improving the work in the British Mission were discussed at missionary conventions recently held in London and Bradford. Travelling elders and lady missionaries labouring in England and Wales came for the sessions, held under the direction of President Hugh B. Brown.

Missionaries from Norwich, London, Bristol, Birmingham and Welsh Districts met in London at Southwest London Branch Chapel on Wednesday and Thursday, January 26th and 27th. On Tuesday and Wednesday, February 8th and 9th, missionaries from Nottingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Hull, Leeds, and Newcastle Districts convened at Bradford Branch Chapel.

Besides President Brown, President Richard R. Lyman and Sisters Amy Brown Lyman and Zina Card Brown were in attendance at the London meetings and addressed the missionaries. A number of subjects pertaining to the Mission were presented and discussed. The sessions concluded with testimony meetings.

A similar convention for missionaries of Ireland and Scotland will be held in Belfast, Friday and Saturday, February 18th and 19th.

WHAT JESUS MEANS TO LATTER-DAY SAINTS*(Concluded from page 84)*

This, you will agree, is a positive indication of progress. It expresses what is in the hearts of the people of one great nation. They favour peace and good will. That same determination to keep out of war exists also in the hearts of other peoples in other nations in many parts of the world.

It is the belief and conviction of the members of the Church to which I belong that mankind will be saved through Jesus Christ. They have in their souls the conviction that their organization is the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands which Daniel saw in his famous dream, that it is to roll forth and fill the whole earth, (Daniel, Chapter 2) that it is the Kingdom spoken of by Daniel which the God of Heaven Himself is to establish in these last days, a Kingdom that is never to be destroyed, a kingdom that is not to be given to other people, a Kingdom that is to stand forever (Daniel 2: 44) with Him as King who has been called the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords! I refer of course to Him whose birth we commemorate on this occasion.

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stand, and then to say that God could not and did not appear to this boy prophet as He had done to the prophets of old, to me is blasphemy of the worst kind. When man's power has become almost infinite, how ridiculous it is to say that God's power is finite, that He is confined to some celestial sphere, that He will never again appear to the human family and talk to them as His children. God forbid that you and I limit His power or question the probability and reasonableness of His appearing to the children of men.

I belong to a Church which believes in the power of God as well as in the intelligence of man, that God has the power and that Christ has the power to inject themselves through the ether or whatever you want to call it and appear unto the human family and speak as one man speaketh to another.

And so this Church makes its claim that it is the Church of Jesus Christ, and with that claim come great responsibilities. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is an organization established to bring about the regeneration of the human family; to make of all nations one people; to bring all to a oneness of the faith—one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

We do not deny any man the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, but we do urge him, as did the reformers of old, to study the scriptures, to compare the words of Christ in His time with the claims of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

CORRECTION IN BUILDING FUND CONTEST

PRIZE MONEY for the second and third places in the Building Fund Contest was awarded to Hull and Bristol Branches, instead of Bradford and Sheffield Branches, as announced in the *Star* of Thursday, February 3rd. The latter are ineligible for the awards, having won places in the contest previous years, as has Hyde Branch, which is next in line. Latest figures from the Mission Secretary show that Southwest London Branch contributed a total of £183-11-8 instead of £153-1-1 as announced.

News of the Church in the World

SILVER JUBILEE of Scouting in the Church will be a feature of the annual M.I.A. conference to be held



in Salt Lake City in June. On May 13th of this year it will be just 25 years since the first charters were issued and the Boy Scout Movement was made a part of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association in the Church.

The celebration will climax a motivation programme now under way to arouse further interest in Scouting. National Scout officials will be in attendance on the occasion which will also commemorate the tenth anniversary of the organization of senior Scouting in the Church, originally known as the Vanguards, but recently changed to Explorers to comply with a new national programme. Leaders in charge of the campaign include Elders George Albert Smith and Melvin J. Ballard, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and Elders Oscar A. Kirkham, George Q. Morris, and John D. Giles, all of whom are prominent for their Scouting activities.

RETURNING to the islands to preside over the Hawaiian Temple will be Elder Castle H. Murphy, whose appointment was recently announced by the First Presidency. It will be Elder Murphy's third mission to the Hawaiian Islands. With his wife he fulfilled a mission to Hawaii from 1909 to 1913. In 1930 he was called back to preside over the Temple for one year and serve as mission president for six years. Besides the ten years he has spent in the mission field, he has served as ward bishop and member of a stake high council for 15 years.

AUSTRALIAN MISSION is to have a new president, with the appointment of Elder James Judd, recently announced by the First Presidency. Elder Judd was a missionary to great Britain from 1914 to 1916.

In 1928 he fulfilled a short-term mission to Alaska, where he was one of the first four elders in that field. He has been active in Church and civic affairs during past years. He will succeed Elder Thomas D. Rees as mission president.

WRITERS of a new book, entitled "The Word of Wisdom, A Modern Interpretation," are Elder John A. Widtsoe, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and his wife, Sister Leah D. Widtsoe. The recently published book of 250 pages gives a "fearless and authentic presentation of the Lord's law of health" and is based on the 89th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants.



Elder Widtsoe

Both Elder and Sister Widtsoe are distinguished authorities on the subjects of health and nutrition.

RECENTLY APPOINTED to the General Board of the Deseret Sunday School Union was Elder Wendell J. Ashton. Elder Ashton served as a missionary in the British Isles from 1934 to 1936, where he was associate-editor of the *Millennial Star*. He is a brother of Sister Elder Marvin J. Ashton.

PROFESSOR HENRY E. GILES, for many years prominent in Church music circles, died at his home in Salt Lake City on Monday, January 17th. Born March 26th, 1859, in that city, he later became professor of music at the Brigham Young University in Provo. In 1901 he was appointed assistant Tabernacle organist, while for the past 40 years he has been active in the Cambrian Society, in charge of its music activities. He is the composer of several Latter-day Saint hymns and oratorios. His oratorio, "The Plan of Salvation," has been sung in all parts of the Church, and members are familiar with his composition, "Hail to the Prophet Who Pointed the Way."

News of Current Interest

FIRMLY believing that they can "make" rain if they are permitted to have the "rain maker," an ancient bundle containing the skulls of two thunderbirds, two Indians of the Gros Ventre clan recently received permission to take possession of the bundle. The "rain maker" has been in the American Indian Museum for more than thirty years, but was restored to the tribe leaders with the greatest of friendship. The two Indians, Foolish Bear and Drags Wolf, now believe they can ward off any drought that might come to them in their lands in North Dakota. The bundle was always regarded as a sacred emblem and will continue to be looked upon now that it is back in their hands. They exchanged a sacred buffalo medicine horn for the "rain maker."

ACCORDING to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, fruit is the ideal food to eat between meals. For people who de-

light in eating between meals, Dr. Kellogg's advice is to eat fruit and only fruit. It is the only food that is easily digested and can be properly handled by the system between meals. It is recommended to the public to eat fruit liberally because it gives energy and is not a burden on the system. Fruit is in place at every meal as well as between meals.

"SEVEN-DAY" DIETS and "non-starch" diets of the past are being replaced these days by the "exercise diet." More dieticians every day are coming to the conclusion that it is not so much what we eat that makes us plump as it is what we do to "burn" the excess away by exercise. A doctor in London recently told some of his diet patients to eat what they pleased, but to be sure and comply with all of his exercise programme. The new "diet" is proving very successful where it has been tested and used.

From the Mission Field

BIRMINGHAM — Officers of Handsworth Branch M.I.A. sponsored the annual Birmingham District Green and Gold Ball, Saturday, January 29th, in the Handsworth Chapel. The enjoyable party, which was attended by more than 100 people of the district, was under the direction of Brothers Charles Collins, Ronald Haddleton, Alvin Joseph and Sisters Dora Green, Winnie Stokes and Alice Collins, with the assistance of the Relief Society. Favours for the dance were green and gold ribbons, which were sold to help defray expenses. Refreshments were served under the supervision of Sister Alice Collins.

HULL—At a baptismal service held on Sunday, January 23rd, conducted by Supervising Elder Leonard L. Moffett, Lester Garnett and Peter Garnett, of Grimsby Branch, were baptized by Elders Howard D. An-

derson and Rodney W. Tew, respectively, and were confirmed by President Richard R. Lyman, of the European Mission. Music for the occasion was provided by the Hull Gleaner Girls.

President Lyman was speaker at the evening services held in Hull Chapel on Sunday, January 23rd. More than 125 people were in attendance to hear his remarks. Brother Joseph Walker, president of Grimsby Branch, was in charge of the session.

Grimsby Branch Sunday School held its annual New Year's party Saturday, January 15th, in the Grimsby Hall. Sister Dora Reynolds was in charge of the affair, assisted by her counsellors and the teachers.

President Hugh B. Brown spoke at Grimsby Branch on Sunday, January 30th. More than eighty people turned out to hear his message. Other speakers during the

evening were: Sister Florence Malmberg, lady missionary, and Supervising Elder Leonard L. Moffett.

IRISH—On Sunday, January 23rd, the Millennial Chorus members were guests of the York Street Unitarian Church, Belfast. At the invitation of Dr. Agnew, Pastor, the chorus rendered a number of selections before an attentive audience of more than 400 people. The chorus was favourably received and a mutual friendship resulted through the association.

LEEDS—Leeds Branch held an M.I.A. social on Thursday, January 27th, at Leeds Branch Hall, under the supervision of Sister Veronica Hapwood. During the evening Sister Bertha Farrell and Mr. Perkins gave readings on the play, "Peter Pan." Games were also enjoyed by those in attendance.

Members of Halifax Branch Sunday School were entertained at a social in the local hall Friday, January 21st. After the evening of games, Bishop Henry M. Taggart, supervising elder, presented those children having the best year's attendance with appropriate prizes.

Elders Alton D. Merrill and Don E. Christensen were speakers at the Congregational Church Young Men's class at Kirkheaton, North Huddersfield, before a group of more than fifty friends. During the evening Latter-day Saint religious views and literature were explained.

LONDON—President Richard R. Lyman was speaker at branch conference held in North London Branch Chapel on Sunday, January 30th. Theme of the conference was

"Modern Prophecy," and was developed by other speakers which included District President Andre K. Anastasiou and Brother William McCormick. The meeting was conducted by Branch President George F. Poole.

MANCHESTER—Rochdale M Men football members sponsored a potato pie supper in the branch recreation hall on Saturday, January 22nd. Games and individual numbers kept the seventy participants active during the evening.

On Saturday, January 22nd, a dance was held in the Hall of Hyde Branch, sponsored by members of the Mutual Improvement Association. The hall was decorated in green and gold. Music for the occasion was presented by the "Barn Stormers" dance band. During the evening Miss Emily Whiteley, recently chosen queen of Manchester District, who is from Hyde Branch, was presented with an evening bag by members of the branch.

SHEFFIELD—The Green and Gold Ball of Sheffield Branch was held Saturday, January 22nd, in the cleverly decorated chapel. Supervisors, Brother John I. Holton and Sister Lillian Clark, were in charge of the party, which was attended by 105 people. "Trocaders" dance band provided the music for the occasion.

Gleaner girls of Doncaster Branch sponsored a rabbit pie supper in the branch hall on Saturday, January 29th. The hot supper was served by Sister Muriel Holton and her assistants. Community singing and individual items took place after the supper. Elder Bryant H. Croft was master of ceremonies.

DEATHS

THORNLEY—Funeral services for Sarah Hannah Thornley, of Grimsby Branch, were held Wednesday, December 8th, with Supervising Elder Leonard L. Moffett conducting. Elders Bryant H. Croft and Branch President Seth H. Young were the speakers. Interment was in the Scarthoe cemetery. Elder Moffett dedicated the grave.

TOMLINSON—Mr. Ernest Tomlinson, brother of Sister Martha Smith, of Sheffield Branch, passed

away on Monday, January 17th. Funeral services were conducted by Supervising Elder Max Garn Capener and speakers for the occasion were Elders Capener and Bryant H. Croft. The grave was dedicated by Elder Dale W. Ansell.

WALLER—Sister Sarah Waller, 79, of Luton, passed away Thursday, December 23rd. Services were held at the Luton cemetery, after which Elder Brigham Young V dedicated the grave.

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

(All meetings begin at 6.30 Sunday evenings unless otherwise indicated.)

Aberdeen: Corn Exchange, Hadden Street, Off Market Street.	Gravesend: Freeborn Hall, Peacock Street.	Nelson: *L. D. S. Hall, 10. Hibson Road.
Accrington: *L. D. S. Hall, Over 9, Church St.	Great Yarmouth: L. D. S. Hall, 66a, South Quay.	Northampton: *L. D. S. Chapel, 89, St. Michael's Str.
Airdrie: †L. D. S. Hall, 40, Hallcraig Street.	Grimsbey: Thrift Hall, Pasture Street.	North Walsham: Enquire: 32, Norwich Road.
Barnsley: Arcade Buildings.	Halifax: *L. D. S. Hall, 35, Brinton Terrace, Off Hansen Lane.	Nottingham: L. D. S. Hall, 8, Southwell Road.
Batley: *L. D. S. Hall, 13, Wellington Street.	Hexham: Deseret, Alexandra Terrace.	Norwich: L. D. S. Chapel, 60, Park Lane.
Belfast: †Arcade Buildings, 122, Upper North St.	Hucknall: *Byron Buildings.	Nuneaton: Masonic Hall.
Birmingham: L. D. S. Chapel, 23, Booth Street, Handsworth. Council Schools, Stratford Road, Sparkbrook.	Hull: L. D. S. Chapel, Wellington Lane, and Berkeley Street.	Oldham: L. D. S. Hall, Neville Street.
Blackburn: L. D. S. Hall, St. Peter's Street.	Hyde: L. D. S. Hall, Reynolds Street.	Plymouth: L. D. S. Hall, 34, Park Street, Tavistock Road.
Bolton: Corporation Chambers.	Kidderminster: L. D. S. Chapel, Park Street.	Pontllanfraith: Enquire: 81, Brynteg Street.
Bradford: L. D. S. Chapel, Woodlands Street, Off City Road.	Leeds: *L. D. S. Hall, 5, Westfield Road.	Portsmouth: Pimco Hall, Heidelberg Road, Southsea.
Brighton: 105, Queen's Road.	Leicester: All Saints' Open, Great Central Street.	Preston, Lancs.: L. D. S. Hall, 7, Lords Walk, Off North Road.
Bristol: Hannah More Hall, 45, Park St., Clifton.	Letchworth: Vasanta Hall, Gernon Walk.	Rawmarsh: L. D. S. Hall, Main Street.
Burnley: §L. D. S. Chapel, 1, Liverpool Road, Rosegrove.	Liverpool: L. D. S. Chapel, 301, Edge Lane.	Rochdale: L. D. S. Chapel, Lower Sheriff St.
Clayton: *Central Hall.	London: L. D. S. Chapel, 59, Clissold Rd., N.16. Ravenslea, 149, Nightingale Lane S.W.12, 22, Doggett Road, S.E.6.	Sheffield: L. D. S. Chapel, Corner of Ellesmere and Lyons Roads.
Derby: Unity Hall.	Loughborough: Adult School.	Shildon: *L. D. S. Hall, 100, Main Street.
Doncaster: *L. D. S. Hall, Trafford Street.	Lowestoft: L. D. S. Chapel, 20, Clapham Road.	Skelton: *Scott Rooms, Boosebeck Road, Skelton Green.
Dublin: †L. D. S. Hall, 8, Merrion Row.	Luton: Dallow Road Hall, Corner of Dallow and Naseby Roads.	South Shields: L. D. S. Chapel, 93, Fowler Street.
Eastwood: Library, Church St.	Mansfield: 39a, Albert Street.	St. Albans: 49, Spencer Street.
Edinburgh: Ruskin House, 15, Windsor Street.	Manchester: L. D. S. Hall, 88, Clarendon Road.	Sunderland: L. D. S. Chapel, 18, Tunstall Road.
Gainsborough: *L. D. S. Hall, Curtis Yard.	Merthyr Tydfil: L. D. S. Chapel, Penyard Road.	Tipton, Wolverhampton: L. D. S. Hall, Washington Building, Berry Street.
Gateshead: Westfield Hall, Westfield Terrace.	Middlesbrough: L. D. S. Hall, 188, Linthorpe Road.	Varteg: Memorial Hall.
Glasgow: L. D. S. Hall, 4, Nelson Street.		West Hartlepool: L. D. S. Chapel, 7, Osborne Road.
		Wigan: *L and Y Station.

*—6.00 p.m.

†—7.00 p.m.

§—6.15 p.m.

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